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Frank G. Wisner, an intelligence officer of wartime OSS experience and peacetime duties as Deputy Director of Plans, the Central Intelligence Agency, will return to the CIA as a Special Assistant to the Director, John A. McCone.

Born in Laurel, Mississippi in 1909, he was graduated from the University of Virginia in 1931 and from the University law school there three years later, having previously attended Woodberry Forest Preparatory School in Orange, Virginia. In 1934 he joined and later became a partner in the New York City law firm of Carter, Ledyard, and Milburn. Commissioned an officer in naval intelligence in 1941, Mr. Wisner served with OSS from 1943 until his discharge in 1946 in the rank of Commander. During that period of duty he served in Africa, the Middle East, in the Balkans, in France, and in Germany. Mr. Wisner again left his law firm in 1947 to serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas (Germany, Austria, Japan and Korea). In 1948 he joined the Central Intelligence Agency.

He is married to the former Mary Ellis Knowles of New York. They have four children and will make their home in Washington, D. C.

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